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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Attorney General
Re Senator Fulbright's Request for National Estimates

25X1A 1. Following the Director's meeting on the above subject this morning with Messrs. Colby, [REDACTED] and me, the Director told me he had talked with the Attorney General. The Attorney General seemed to recognize the issue as one which fell within his responsibility, and he advised the Director to reply by letter to Senator Fulbright avoiding any reference to "executive privilege" but simply explaining that he could not comply with the Senator's request. The Director asked me to draft such a letter.

2. The Director also requested that I pull together copies of the correspondence on this matter which he could provide to the Attorney General and to Secretaries Rogers and Laird.

3. Now that he had discussed the matter with the Attorney General, the Director thought it appropriate for me to inform Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, of the situation.

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